



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Yarmouth Town Hall on Tuesday December 3rd 2019 at 6:30pm

PRESENT: Councillors S Cowley (Mayor), D McCleary, J Jackson, G Head, R Corbett, J Allen, S Devine

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Harbour Commission Representative, 1 member of the public

136/2019 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cronin and IW Cllr S Hutchinson

137/2019 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

November Boat Numbers: Overnight visits were up on the same month last year by around 20%. 295 boats spent the night in Yarmouth during November. Shorts Stays show an increase of 61% a total of 163 lunchtime visits. Long Term Visitors show an increase of 8% at 2,360 nights.

Boat numbers to date, up to and including 30 November.

- Overnights (Jan – November) show an increase of 1% at 17,632 overnight stays.
- Short Stays (Jan – Nov) show an increase of 14% at 6,182 lunchtime visits. This figure is highest on record for the period.
- LTVs (Jan – Nov) show an increase of 11% at 22,995 boat nights. This figure is the highest on record and has already exceeded the total number of visits for all previous years.
- Sailing Schools numbers (Jan- Nov) totalled 1299 visits an increase of 9%. This figure is the highest on record and has already exceeded the total number of visits for all previous years.

Yar Bridge: The final phase of the works to the swing bridge are expected to finish on the 20th December according to a recent update provided by the paint contractors. Works that require the swing bridge to be partially opened restricting both marine and

road traffic are still planned to commence on the 16th December however, this has not been officially announced by Island Roads (at the time of writing this report).

Linkspan Refurbishment The linkspan works are ahead of schedule and providing all goes well there is a possibility that the works will be completed by Friday and a normal ferry service can resume soon after.

Dredging: Historically YHC has dredged annually. However, in 2016 YHC decided to investigate the effects of minimising the dredge activity and only dredging when required, leaving the estuary relatively undisturbed with a view that the estuary may find an equilibrium and maintain a constant depth by self-scouring through natural tidal flows.

Following the results of a recent annual bathymetric survey it is evident that there is no requirement to dredge the Harbour this year. In fact, it appears that much of the Harbour has deepened, thought to be the result of scouring and limited sediment in the water table throughout the Solent area.

The bathymetric survey charts are available to view on the Harbour website.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Clerk read out a report submitted by Cllr Hutchinson in his absence:

My apologies for the December Meetings. I could attend and say almost nothing although that would be frustrating for me though I accept it could be a singular benefit for you!

During the pre-election period (apparently we can't call it purdah any longer for fear of offending someone) I'm not able to make statements which might influence anyone listening. Also I can't comment upon the decisions, especially on budget or impact upon services, we are taking or proposing to take. In most elections this doesn't matter so much because the election dates don't coincide with finance and policy statements. Because of the unusual date of this election, it does.

This restriction applies to central and first tier local government officers and members though I think not formally upon Town and Parish Councils although some adopt similar restrictions as best practice.

You will have noticed that our press office has been almost silent on information for the last couple of weeks and not much about Council business in the media either.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

There were no Thorley issues.

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

Sylvia Mence reported that she and the Yarmouth Harbour Commissioner were finalising the latest version of the Yarmouth Flood Plan, with an improved map. Recent flood risks had not materialised into flooding events.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public and the Public Forum concluded at 19:00

138/2019 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

S Cowley	Yarmouth Town Trust CHOYD Shalfleet PC	Lee Farm
R Corbett	Yarmouth Town Trust	
J Allen		Multi-Service Marine River Yar Boatyard
G Head	British Horse Society RSPB Shalfleet Parish Council	National Trust
S Devine	RSPB	
D McCleary		Yarmouth School

139/2019 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly Town Council held 12/11/19.

140/2019 FINANCE

140/2019.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: To approve the following payments December 2019:

2255	Wight Leaflets	Leaflet distribution EGM	£195.00
2256	CHOYD	Broadband & hall hire (re-issued)	£197.40
2257	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary November	£683.76
2258	CHOYD	Broadband	£17.40
2259	Brighstone Landscaping	Grounds maintenance	£168.00
DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£2.76
DC	GIFFGAFF	Office phone	£6.00
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary November	£189.43
DC	Post Office	Postage	£6.36
DC	SLCC	Annual subscription	£140.00
DC	Yarmouth deli	Refreshments	£3.00
DC	Cartridge People	Print cartridges	£9.50
DC	Amazon	Print cartridges CHOYD	£33.98
DC	Print 24	Flyer printing	£66.18

140/2019.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for November 2019

141/2019.3 2021/21 Budget

The second draft of the annual budget was noted.

142/2019 PLANNING ISSUES

142/2019.1 Planning Applications:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
19/01332/HOU	12 Holbrookes Cottages Hill Place Lane Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0XJ	Replacement rear conservatory	Fri 06 Dec 2019
19/01342/LBC	The Cottage St James Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0NU	Listed Building Consent for re-reinstatement of internal dividing wall within 1st floor bedroom with re-opened doorway and associated works	Fri 06 Dec 2019
19/01362/HOU	Love Shore House High Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PN	Proposed replacement garden room and wall, including gate on western boundary; alterations to rear elevation and internal layout	Fri 06 Dec 2019
19/01363/LBC	Love Shore House High Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PN	LBC for replacement garden room wall, including gate on western boundary; alterations	Fri 06 Dec 2019
19/01360/HOU	Rose Villa Ommanney Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QA	Proposed alterations and extension at first floor level; single storey side lean-to extension	Thu 05 Dec 2019

It was RESOLVED to make the following responses to the above applications@

19/01332/HOU: No comment

19/01342/LBC: No comment

19/01362/HOU: Reinstatement of the garden wall should be in the same material as the existing wall

19/01362/HOU: Concern is expressed about access for emergency services to the side of the property.

The following were noted:

142/2019.2 Other Planning issues:

To note the following:

Permission Granted: None

Permission Refused: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs: None

143/2019 PUBLIC TOILETS

- The Clerk reported that the refurbishment plan was proceeding, and a response was awaited from DCLG for permission to borrow.
- Change of supplier: the change of water supplier to Everflow has been completed

144/2019 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk read out the 28/11/19 minutes and it was RESOLVED to agree to the use of the plan forwarded from Peter Scott as the basis for amending the lease of the Recreation Ground to reflect Yarmouth Town Trust's responsibility for the Pavilion and adjacent store and any structures thereon.

It was RESOLVED to accept the Hillbans quote for mole eradication

145/2019 SCHOOLS CLOSURE

Mayor Cowley thanked Councillors for their support in the campaign to retain Yarmouth School. A meeting between Yarmouth Town Council and Yarmouth School Governors had taken place on 25/11/19, followed by a public meeting on 26/11/19.

The Council's proposed response, which had been previously circulated among Councillors, to the consultation by Yarmouth School Governors about their proposal to comply with the IWC's recommended closure of Yarmouth School, was discussed. It was RESOLVED to agree the text of the proposed email and for the Clerk to submit it to Yarmouth School Governors the following day subject to any final amendments emailed by Councillors before then.

Cllr Corbett commented about the lack of attendance at local events by some School Governors.

146/2019 LOCAL EVENTS

It was noted that Carols in the Square will take place 7/12/19 17:30, and there is to be a Christmas market the same weekend. It was RESOLVED that YTC will make a contribution to the cost of the Christmas Tree and lighting in accordance with budget provision.

147/2019 CLERK'S REPORT

147/2019.1 TOWN CRIER

Last month, it was resolved to make use of Steve King as a Town Crier for Yarmouth. It was noted that the first engagement of the Town Crier for Yarmouth will be to 'cry' on 6/12/19 for the Carols in the Square, and Council will make a decision after that as to whether to make an official appointment.

148/2019 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received during November was noted

149/2019 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Precept

Town Crier appointment

Calendar of meetings

West Wight Schools reorganisation

150/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date, time and venue of the and next monthly meeting at CHOYD at 6:30pm
7/1/20

151/2019 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

To move the following motion:

“That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.”

152/2019 MAYOR’S AWARD 2019

The Mayor confirmed his selection for 2019 and the Clerk undertook to prepare the cheque and certificate